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SUBJECT:U.S. VISIT BY GOF STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT

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1. TIME FRAME OF CAVAILLE PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. ACCEPT-
ABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THIS INFORMATION
HAS ALSO BEEN RELAYED TO TRANSPORTATION COUNSELOR OF FRENCH
EMBASSY WHO PASSED PROPOSED DATES OF CAVAILLE VISIT TO DOT
ON 21 JULY. LANSALOT-BASOU INTENDS TO PASS SAME TO
BRUNEAU.

2. LANSALOT-BASOU HAS APPOINTMENT WITH DOT INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARIAT CHIEF PIEPER JULY 24 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
PROGRAM. AS ENVISAGED, WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CAVAILLE DESIRES,
PROGRAM COULD INCLUDE DAY AND HALF OR TWO DAYS IN
WASHINGTON. FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH DOT, STATE, MARAD AND APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCIES.
SECOND DAY PROPOSED FOR VISITS TO CURRENT AND INTERESTING
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON AREA SUCH AS NEW
METRO CONSTRUCTION, DULLES AIRPORT, ETC. TRAVEL TO OTHER
U.S. CITIES IN WHICH FRENCH VISITORS HAVE INTEREST WOULD
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FOLLOW. THIS COULD INCLUDE VISIT TO DOT TEST CENTER AT PUEBLO, COLORADO. THIS CENTER IS NOT YET COMPLETE, HOWEVER, TESTING IS BEING CONDUCTED ON AVAILABLE TRACK AND OTHER SYSTEMS. A VISIT TO THE DALLAS/FT. WORTH AIRPORT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO CAVAILLE AS WOULD THE BART SYSTEM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. WITH CONCORDE IN MIND, CAVAILLE MAY BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN VISITING APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK. UNLESS FRENCH VISITORS PLANNING TO DEPART U.S. FROM WEST COAST (AS SOME DO) THE NEW YORK PORTION OF VISIT COULD BEST BE ARRANGED TOWARD END OF VISIT.

4. REGARDING DURATION OF VISIT, DOT WILL PROPOSE PROGRAM COVERING PERIOD SEPT. 8-14 FOR REASONS THAT GERMAN MOT GSCHIEDLE VISITING DURING PRECEDING WEEK (AUG. 31-SEPT. 7) AND DOT HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL QUERY REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ITALIAN MOT MARTINELLI VISIT DURING SEPT. 15-19. ALTHOUGH AN EXTENSION OF CAVAILLE VISIT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY CONFLICT WITH MARTINELLI VISIT DOT PREFERS LITTLE IF ANY OVERLAP. KISSINGER

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